

Mock Test Series Batch-2
CSS-2025 (October 2024)
English Précis & Composition Test-1
Total Marks: 50

Test-1

Q.1. Make a précis of the following passage; also suggest a suitable title. (15+5 = 20)

So long as men's and women's primary loyalty is to family and kin, they cannot be controlled by the state or any other institution. This loyalty serves as a fundamental bond that shapes individuals' identities and choices. Families create a sense of belonging and support that is often more powerful than any allegiance to broader societal structures. This deep-rooted commitment to kinship can be a source of strength and resilience, fostering solidarity among members. However, when the state or other institutions seek to exert control over individuals, they often face significant challenges. People are less likely to follow directives that conflict with familial obligations. The state recognizes that to gain authority, it must find ways to redirect this loyalty. One method involves appealing to shared values or larger causes that resonate with individuals on an emotional level. Historical examples abound where leaders have successfully mobilized people by invoking notions of patriotism, religion, or social justice, convincing them to prioritize these higher causes over family ties. For instance, during World War II, many nations encouraged citizens to support the war effort by promoting the idea of patriotism. Families were often encouraged to send their sons to fight, framing this sacrifice as a duty not only to their country but also to their families, who would benefit from a victorious state. This shift can lead to a sense of purpose that aligns personal identity with the objectives of the state or institution. When individuals are persuaded to adopt loyalty to an ideology or a movement, their willingness to comply with authority increases. This loyalty can manifest in various ways, such as volunteering for service, participating in political movements, or even supporting wars. The leaders of these movements often employ powerful rhetoric that speaks to individuals' values, using symbols and narratives that resonate deeply with their experiences.

By framing the higher cause as a means of protecting family or community, leaders can effectively blur the lines between loyalty to kin and loyalty to the state. In many cases, individuals may believe they are acting in the best interests of their families while supporting broader institutional goals. This manipulation of loyalty reveals the complex interplay between personal relationships and societal expectations. As institutions strive for influence, they must understand the importance of familial loyalty and the potential to leverage it. The ongoing tension between individual loyalty to family and allegiance to the state presents profound implications for society. The capacity of individuals to switch loyalties highlights the vulnerabilities within human connections and how easily they can be shaped by external forces. As society continues to evolve, the relationship between familial bonds and institutional loyalty remains a critical area for exploration, particularly in understanding how personal ties can be transformed into a source of power for broader causes.

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Precis Title

Blurring The Line Between Loyalty To State And Loyalty

Loyalty of an individual is directed ^{To Family} towards their family that cannot be controlled by the state. Support of a family is a source of strength and resilience that is superior to any broader societal structures.

People do not often comply with such directions that ^{contradict} with their family obligations. To control individuals, state appeals to their emotions by inculcating ideas of patriotism, religion or social justice and ^{persuades} them to give priority to higher societal cause. During WWII, state encouraged citizens to fight for their country using powerful discourse and blurred the boundary between loyalty to state and loyalty to family. Individuals are manipulated by

making them believe that they are serving their families too, while supporting wider institutional goals. The conflict between loyalty to family and allegiance to state has consequences for society and also pinpoints human vulnerability to be affected by external factors. It also highlights how personal relations and converted to source of power for wider cause.

Idea and grammar are generally ok. Mistakes identified.

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